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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR BASIC
OPERATION LAW TRAINING

Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Army officer who has been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than December [1](#)10.

[1](#)3. (SBU) The proposed training is the Basic Operation Law Training (BOLT), to be held at the Marine Corps Detachment Naval Station, Newport, RI, between December 14 and December 20, 2008. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

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[1](#)4. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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